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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee.

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat.770) requires that notice of these meetings be announced in the *Federal Register*.

**DATES:** Thursday, May 7, 2015  
12:45 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (EDT) – Registration  
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (EDT) – Meeting

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Energy  
Forrestal Building, Room 3G-043  
1000 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20585

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### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Committee:* The purpose of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee is to provide advice on potential applications of methane hydrate to the Secretary of Energy, and assist in developing recommendations and priorities for the Department of Energy's Methane Hydrate Research and Development Program.

*Tentative Agenda:* The agenda will include: Welcome and Introduction by the

Designated Federal Officer; Committee Business; Report by the Chair regarding recommendations to the Secretary; Update on gas hydrate research activity including FY 2015 research initiatives and plans; Alaska update; Advisory Committee Discussion; and Public Comments, if any.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The Designated Federal Officer and the Chair of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Lou Capitanio at the phone number listed above and provide your name, organization, citizenship, and contact information. Anyone attending the meeting will be required to present government-issued identification. Space is limited. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Public comment will follow the three-minute rule.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days at the following Web site:

<http://energy.gov/fe/services/advisory-committees/methane-hydrate-advisory-committee>

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